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SUBJECT:PL 480: POSSIBLE NEED FOR PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER

1. SEC. 103 (D)(3) BARS TITLE I SALES AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTRIES SELLING OR OTHERWISE FURNISHING COMMODITIES TO, OR PERMITTING THEIR SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT TO CALL AT, CUBA OR NORTH VIETNAM. IMF DATA, BEST AVAILABLE HERE, SHOWS SYRIAN EXPORTS TO CUBA: 1971, 2,045,000 DOLS. ; 1972, 787,000 1973, 361,000 DOLS. NO COMMODITY BREAKDOWN AND NO DATA FOR 1974. IMF DOES NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON TRADE WITH NORTH VIETNAM; WE ASSUME THERE IS NONE.

2. WE NEED CONFIRMATION EARLIEST THAT SYRIA DOES NOT ENGAGE

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IN PROSCRIBED ACTIVITIES (PARA 1 ABOVE) WITH NORTH VIETNAM,

OR RELEVANT DATA IF TRADE IS OCCURRING. PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER
NOT POSSIBLE WITH RESPECT NORTH VIETNAM.

3. REGARDING CUBA TRADE, SEC. 103 (D)(3) DOES PERMIT
WAIVER IF TRADE OR SHIPPING IS LIMITED TO MEDICAL SUPPLIES;
NON-STRATEGIC RAW MATERIALS FOR AGRICULTURE AND NON-
STRATEGIC FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

4. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE NEED FOR WAIVER, AND SYRIA'S
ELIGIBILITY, WE NEED TO KNOW SOONEST:

A) CURRENT STATUS OF SYRIA'S TRADE RELATIONS WITH CUBA,
INCLUDING MOST RECENT AVAILABLE COMMODITY BREAKDOWNS FOR
EXPORTS.

B) ARE EXPORTS CONTINUING THIS YEAR?

C) ARE EXPORTS PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENTAL: E.G. THROUGH
SARG TRADE ENTITY? INGERSOLL

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